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| In re Application of: | | Examiner: |
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| | Akihiko Itami | Christopher D. Rodee |
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Examiner Rodee:

This is a response to the Office Action dated April 20, 2005, which had a shortened statutory period for reply that ended on July 20, 2005. Enclosed is a petition for a three-month extension of time, extending the period to respond to October 20, 2005.